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A Fire Safety Comic Book

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Here are some tips for you
from El Gato and
The Consumer Product Safety Commission

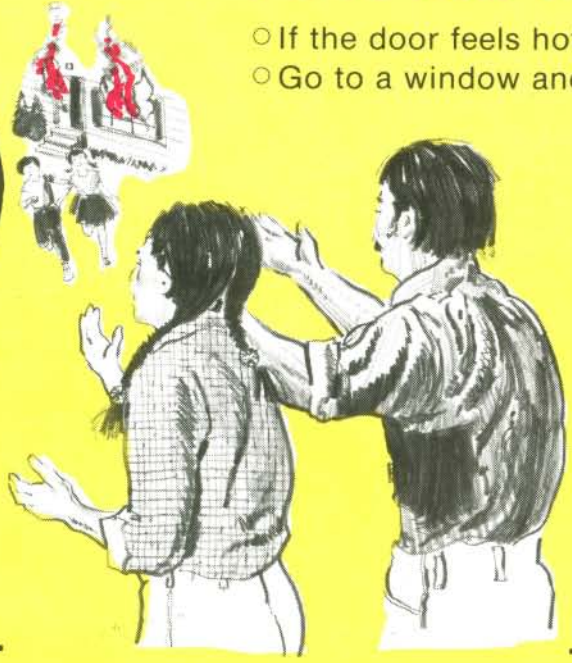
If your home catches fire... GET OUT FAST!

STAY LOW

- Smoke can kill!
- Crawl on your hands and knees to stay under the smoke.

FEEL THE DOOR

- If the door feels hot, don't open it.
- Go to a window and yell for help.



MEET OUTSIDE

- Stay out!
- Have a place to meet.

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW...

- Get smoke detectors for early warning.
- Have two exits for each room.
- Choose a place to meet outside.
- Plan your family escape.
- Practice your family escape.

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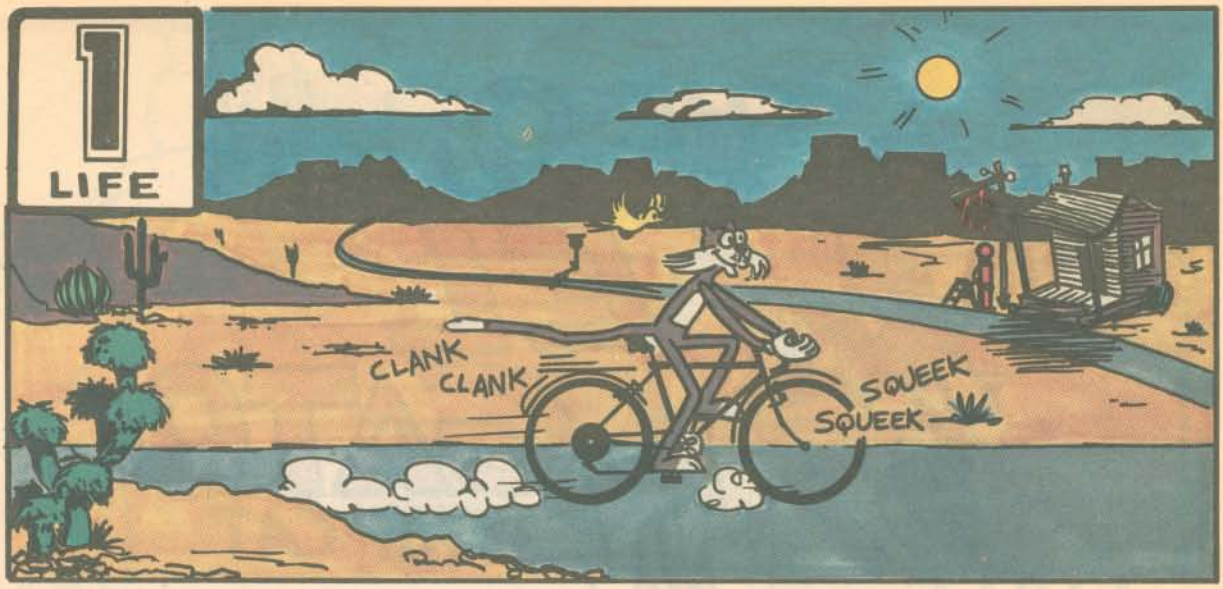
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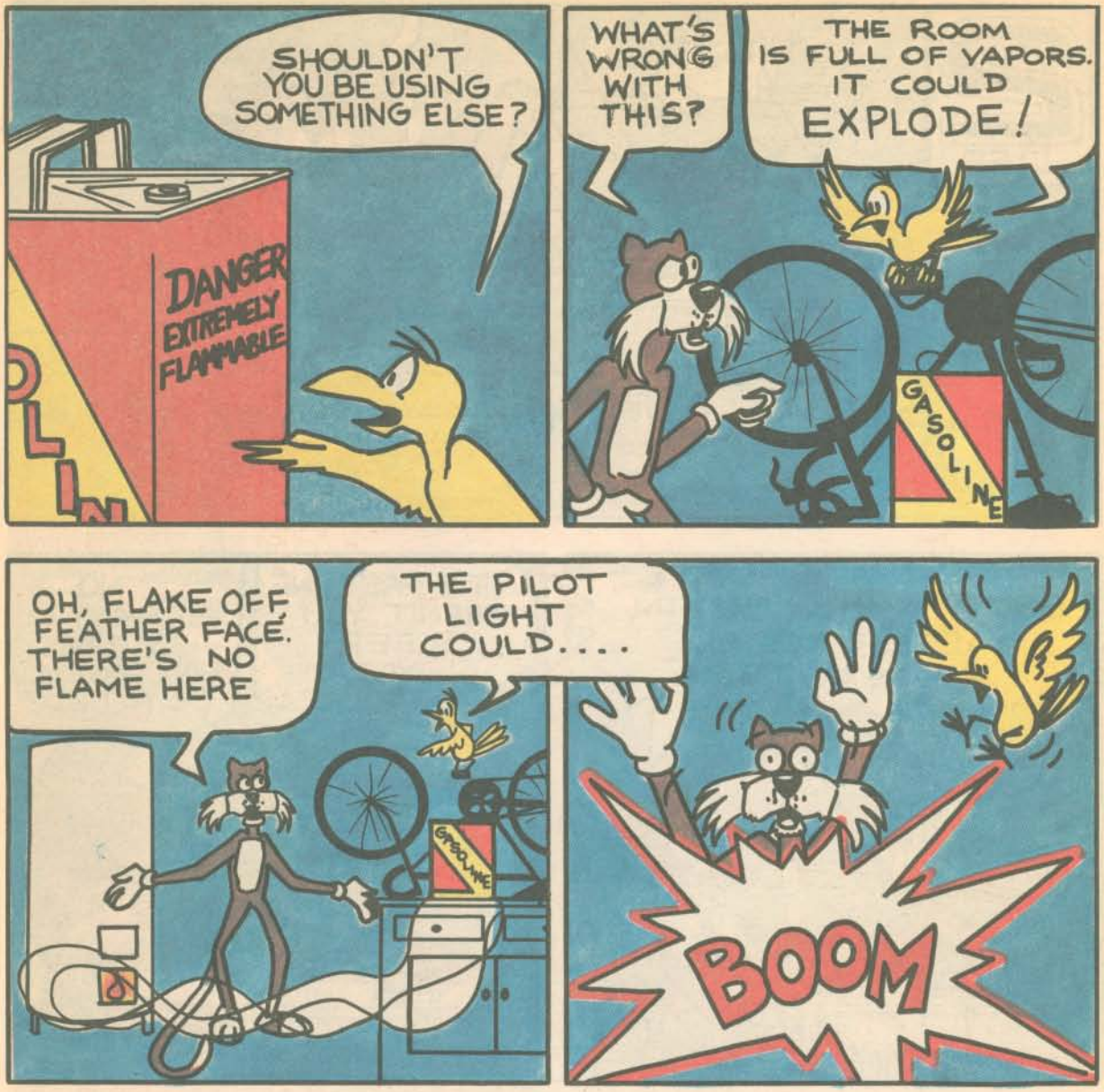
CLANK
CLANK
SQUEEK
SQUEEK

GATO, YOUR BIKE SOUNDS TERRIBLE. IT LOOKS LIKE AN ACCIDENT LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HAPPEN!
CLANK
CLANK

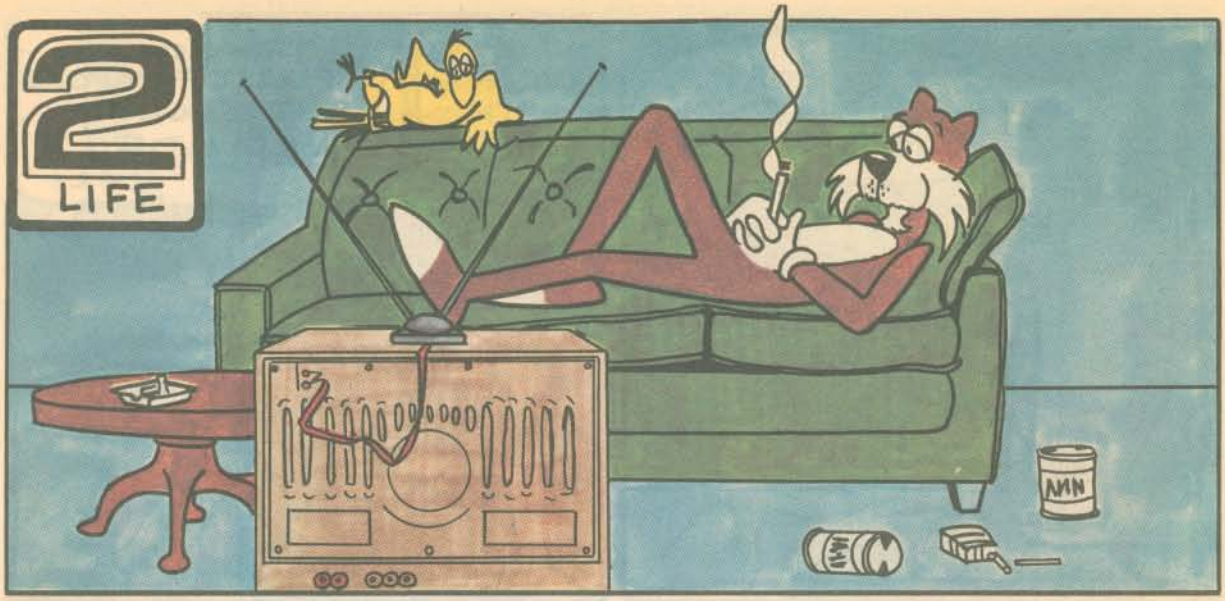
NO. THIS BICYCLE IS IN GREAT SHAPE IT JUST NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP.
HUMPH! I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT.
CLANK

HEY, WHY ARE YOU USING GASOLINE? THAT'S DANGEROUS STUFF!
GASOLINE
Heater



Gasoline fumes can burn or explode!

- *Never clean anything with gasoline.*
- *Never use or keep gasoline indoors.*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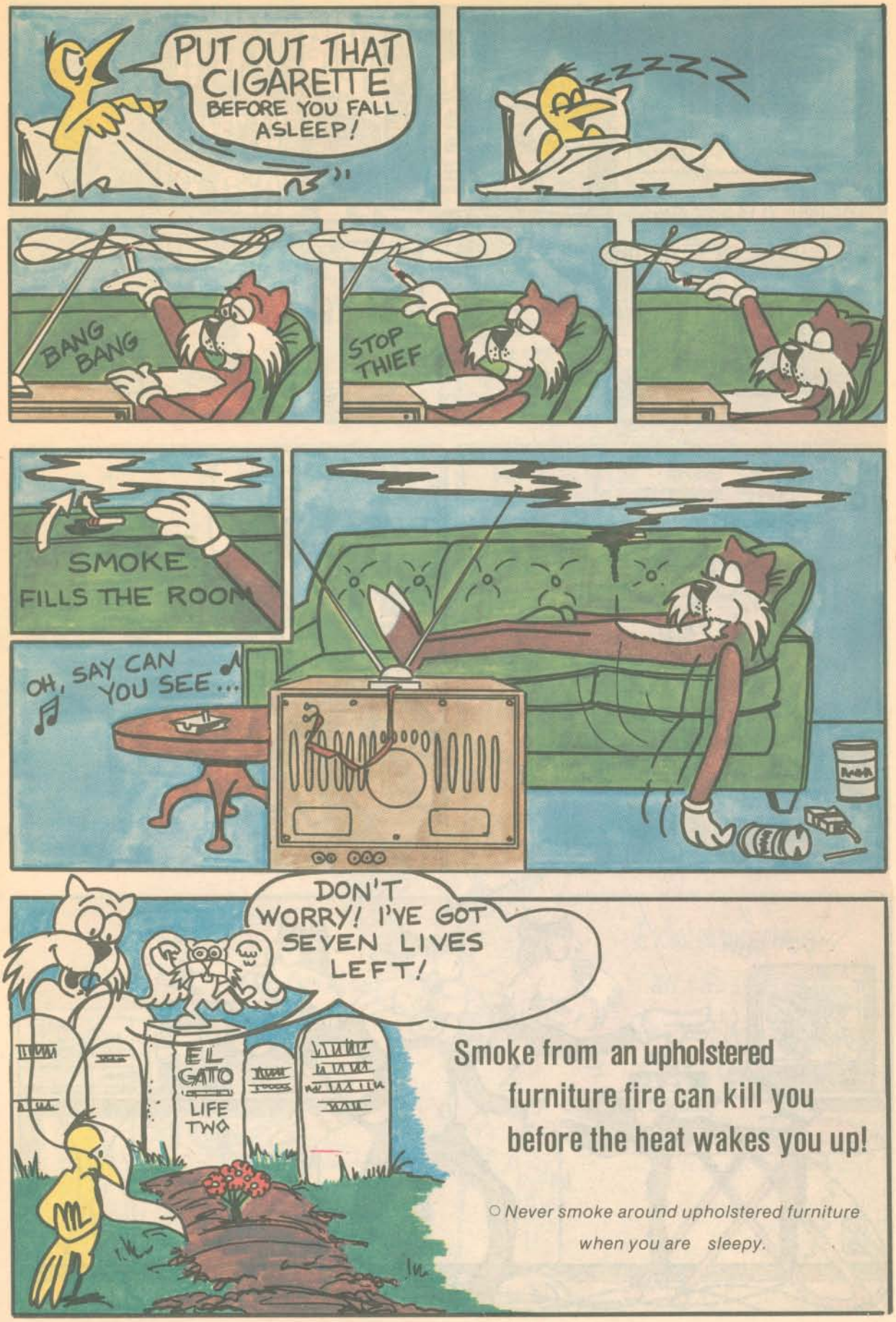
LIFE

THE LATE, LATE SHOW WILL BEGIN AFTER THESE MESSAGES.
SIGH

IT'S PAST ONE. AREN'T YOU SLEEPY YET?
NO. I WANT TO SEE THIS. WHY DON'T YOU GO TO BED?

I CAN'T SLEEP WITH THIS THING ON.
THEN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, BIG BEAK.

GLADLY, ANYTHING TO GET AWAY FROM YOU AND ALL THAT SMOKE!


PUT OUT THAT CIGARETTE BEFORE YOU FALL ASLEEP!
ZZZZZ
BANG BANG
STOP THIEF
SMOKE FILLS THE ROOM
OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE...
DON'T WORRY! I'VE GOT SEVEN LIVES LEFT!
EL GATO
LIFE TWO
Smoke from an upholstered furniture fire can kill you before the heat wakes you up!
○ Never smoke around upholstered furniture when you are sleepy.

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LIFE
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I HAVE GOT ONE HOT DATE TONIGHT!
BABY BABY

OH, GOSH! LOOK AT THE TIME!
CLICK
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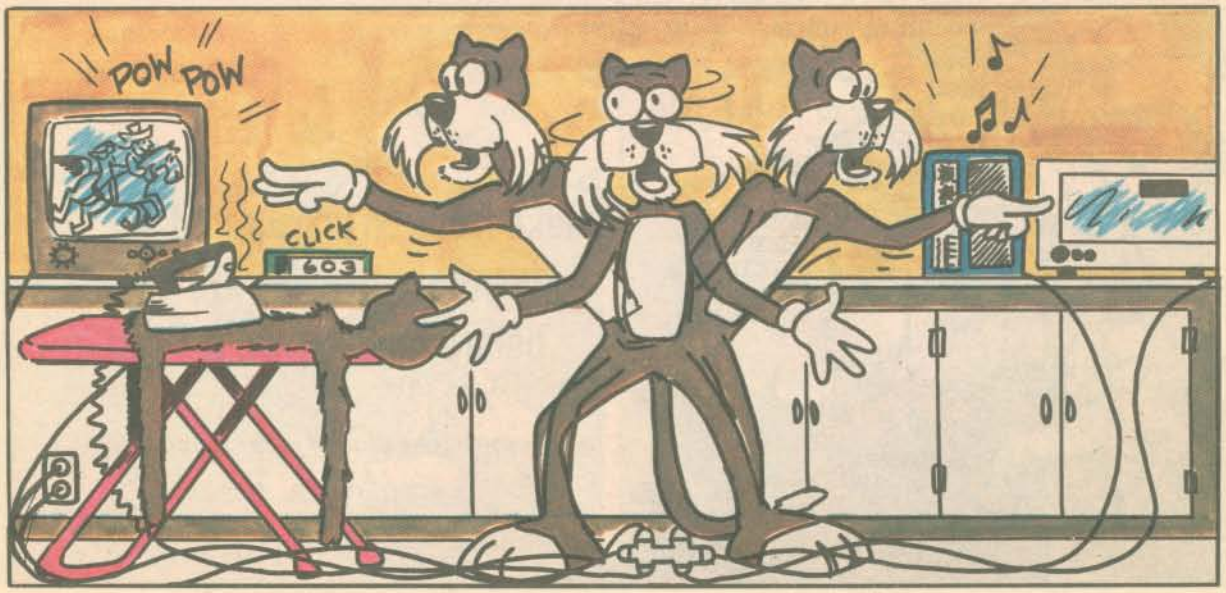
POW POW
CLICK
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YOU'RE PLUGGING IN ANOTHER ONE? YOU'VE ALREADY OVERLOADED THAT EXTENSION CORD!
WHIRRR
HEY, FUR BRAIN, THIS IS REALLY DUMB. YOU'RE GONNA GET BLOWN AWAY AGAIN. THIS CORD IS GETTING VERY HOT!
NO! YOU'RE GONNA GET BLOWN AWAY! LEAVE ME ALONE!
WHOOSH
WHIRRRRR
MEANWHILE THE CORD CONTINUES TO OVERHEAT AND DOES CATCH FIRE.
MY TAIL!
WHERE DO YOU WANT IT, MR GATO?
Extension cords can cause fires!
○ Never plug too many things into an extension cord (usually no more than one).
○ Don't use worn or damaged extension cords.

4 LIFE
WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT GATO?
EL GATITO'S.
WHERE ARE THE MATCHES?

WOW! IT LOOKS GOOD.
YEAH, THAT'S NICE, ISN'T IT?

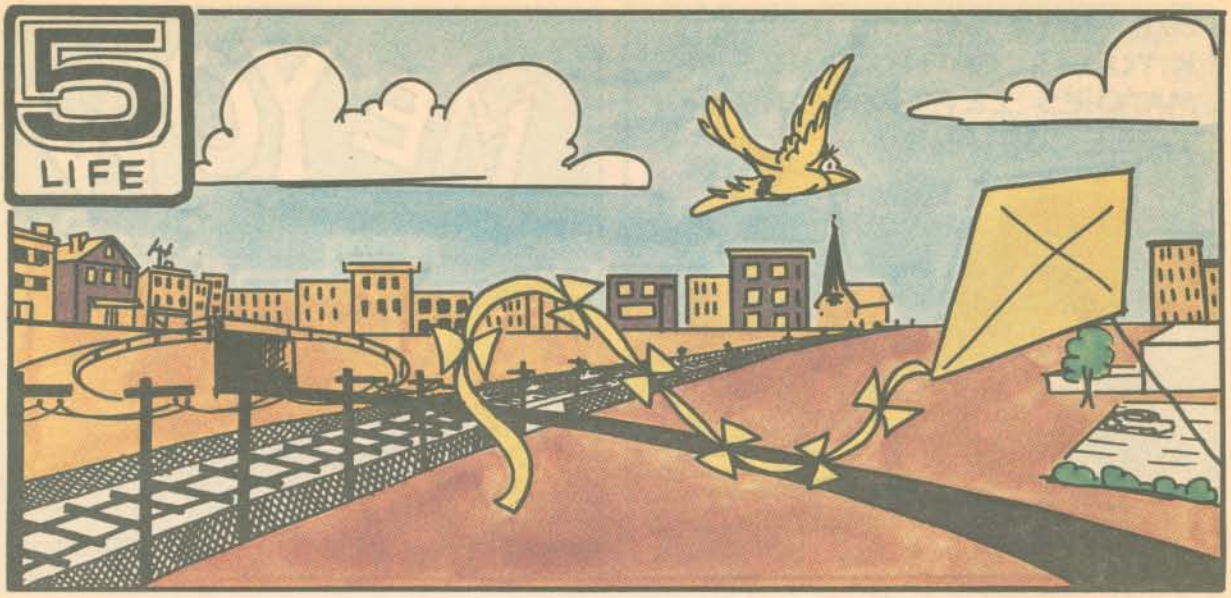
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GATITO

OOPS, FORGOT THE ICE CREAM!

WHAT FLAVOR IS IT? GOT ANY SESAME SEED?

Children playing with matches or lighters can cause fires!

- *Never leave matches or lighters where children can reach them.*
- *Never leave small children alone.*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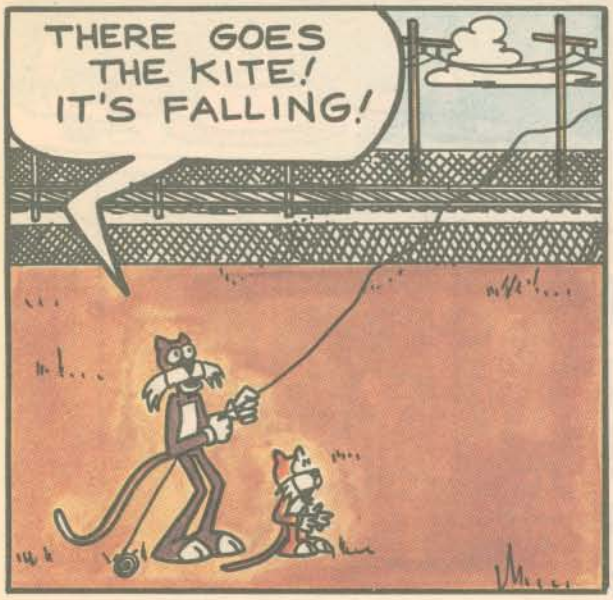
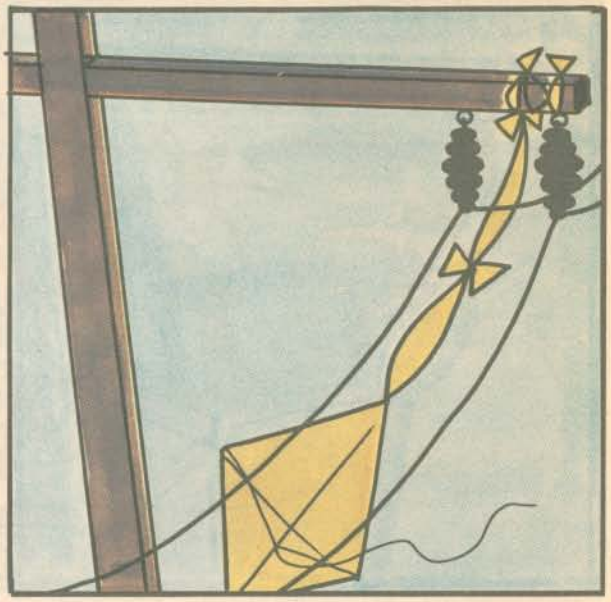
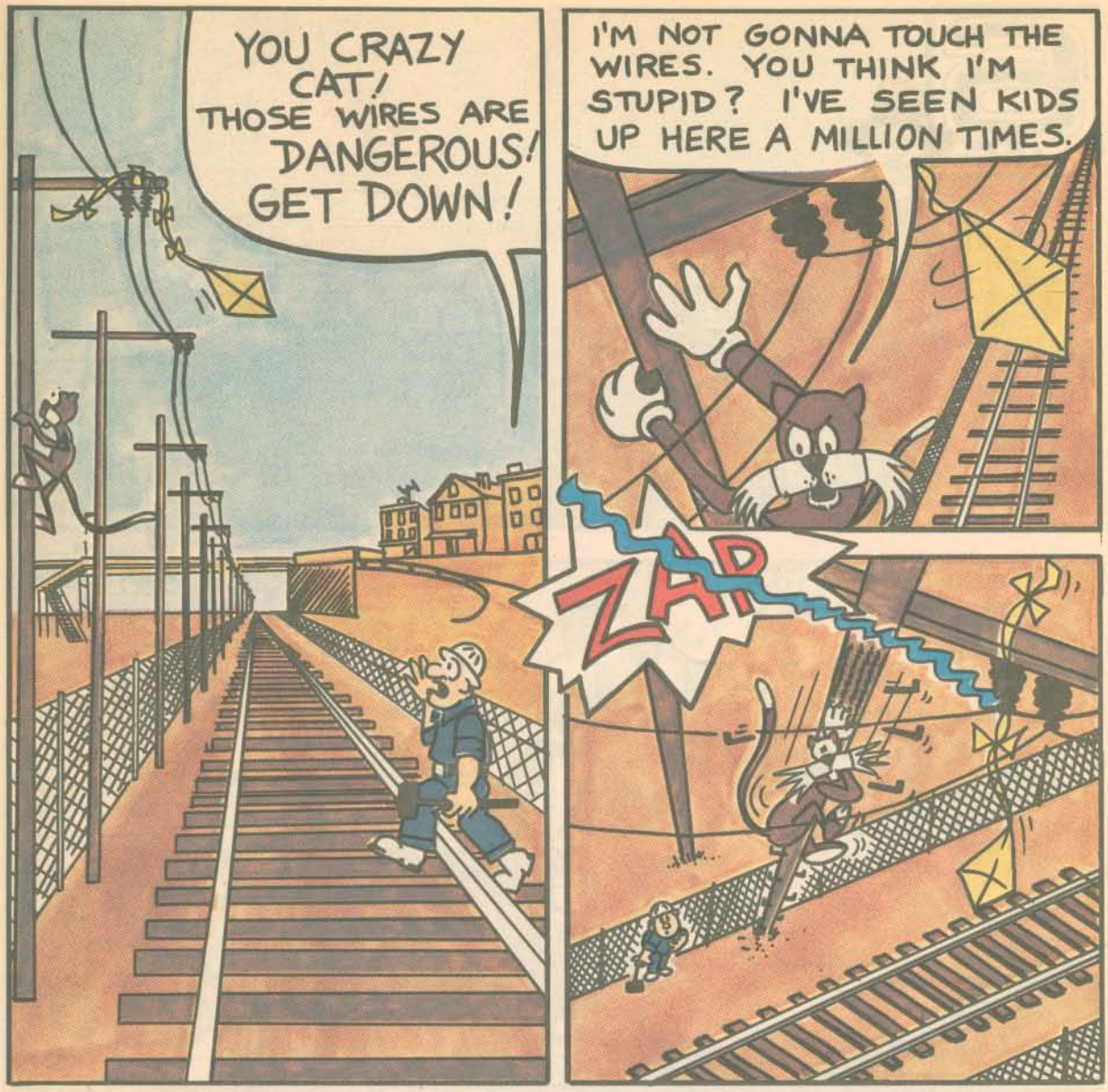
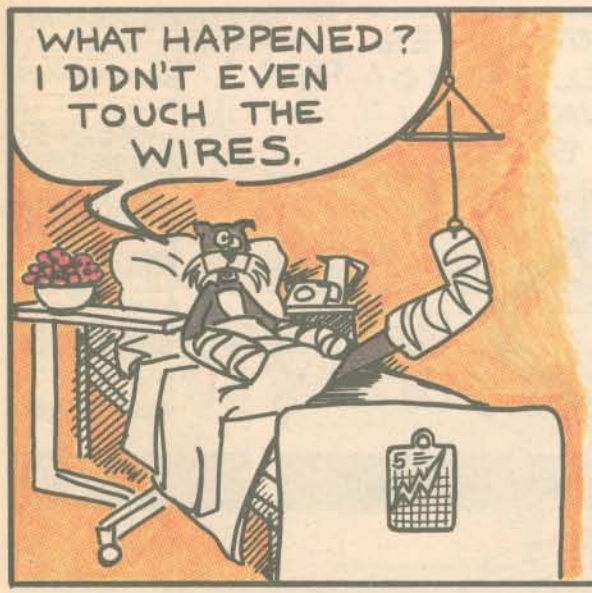

THERE GOES THE KITE! IT'S FALLING!



MY KITE! MY KITE! PLEASE, GET MY KITE, UNCLE GATO!
SIGH

DANGER
KEEP OUT





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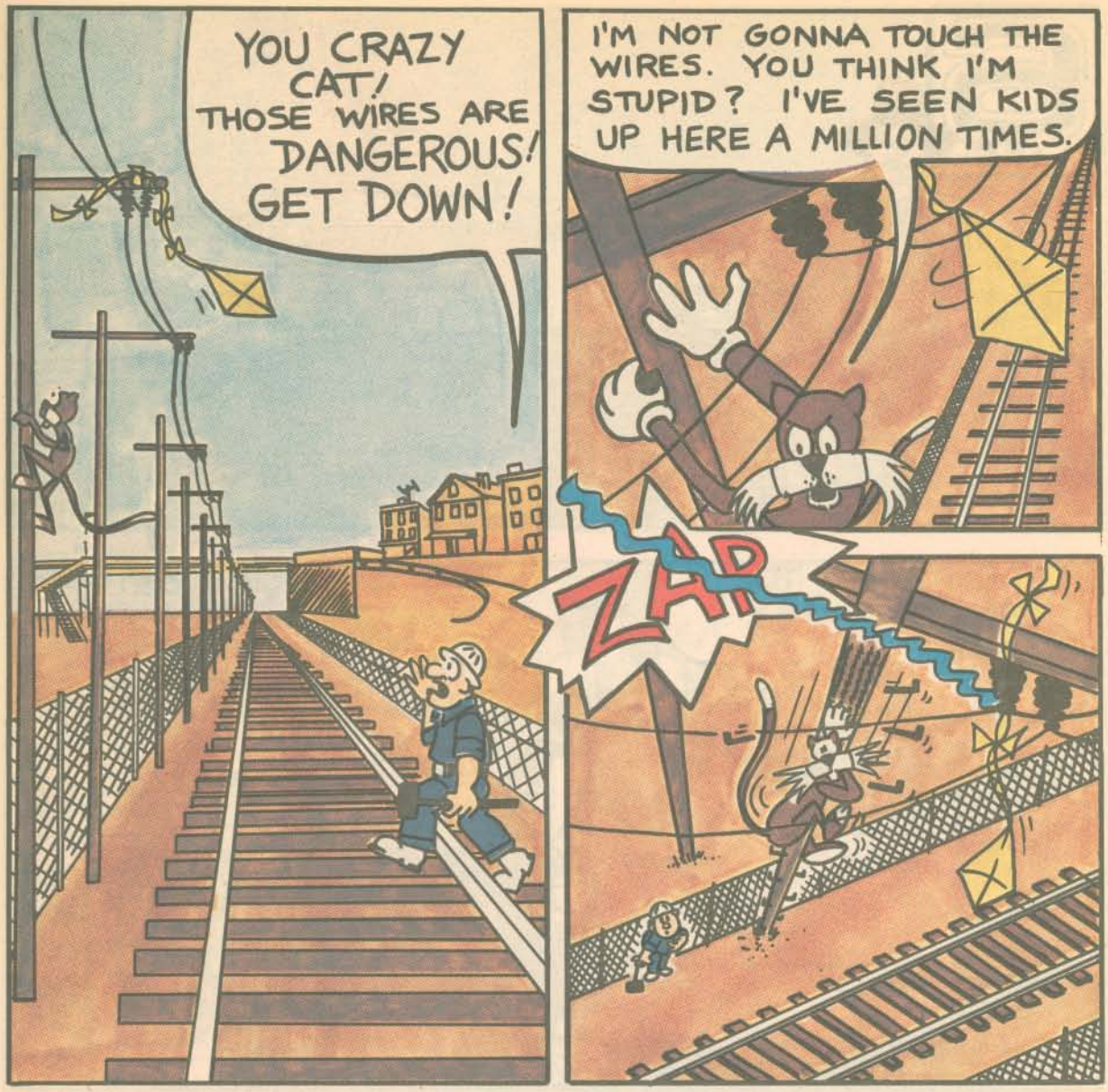
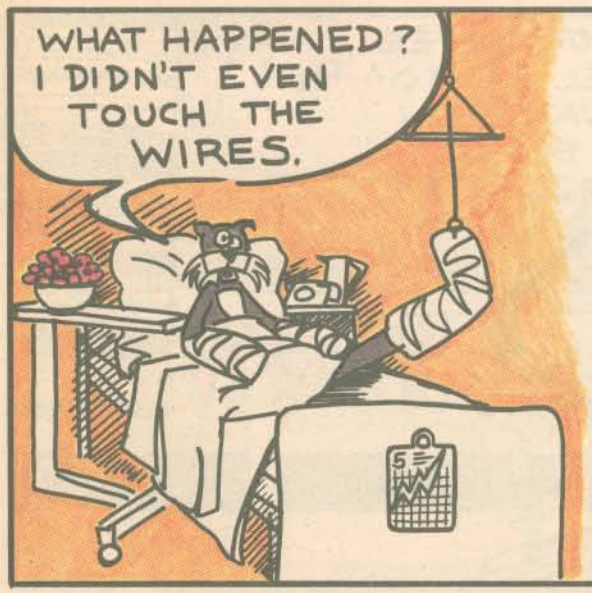
○ *Do not climb poles to any wires.*





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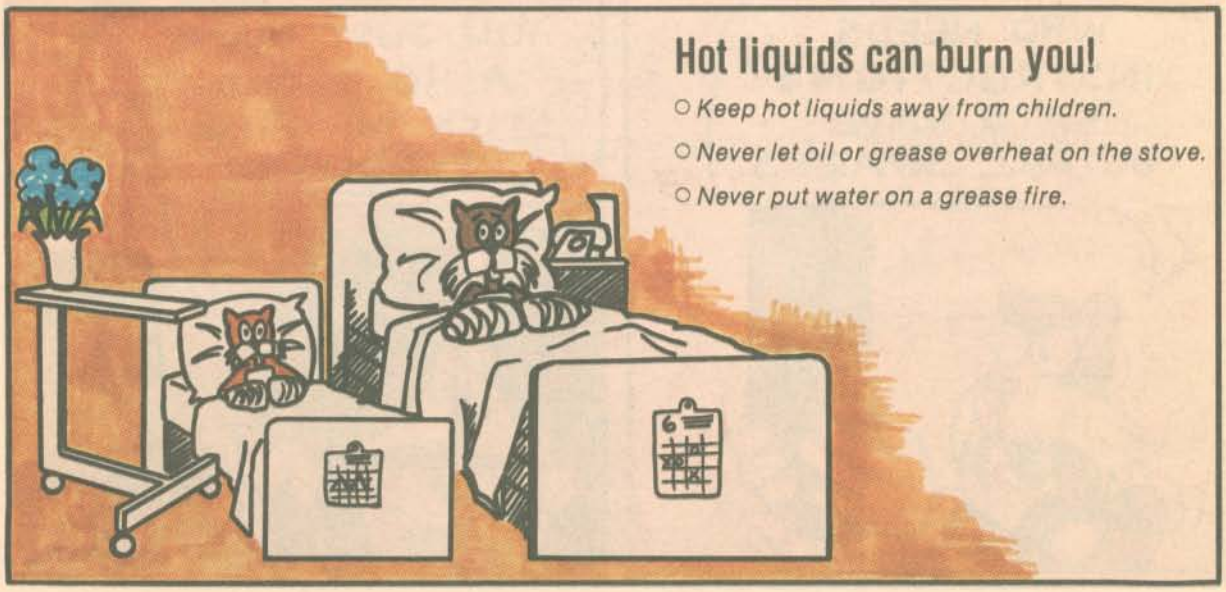
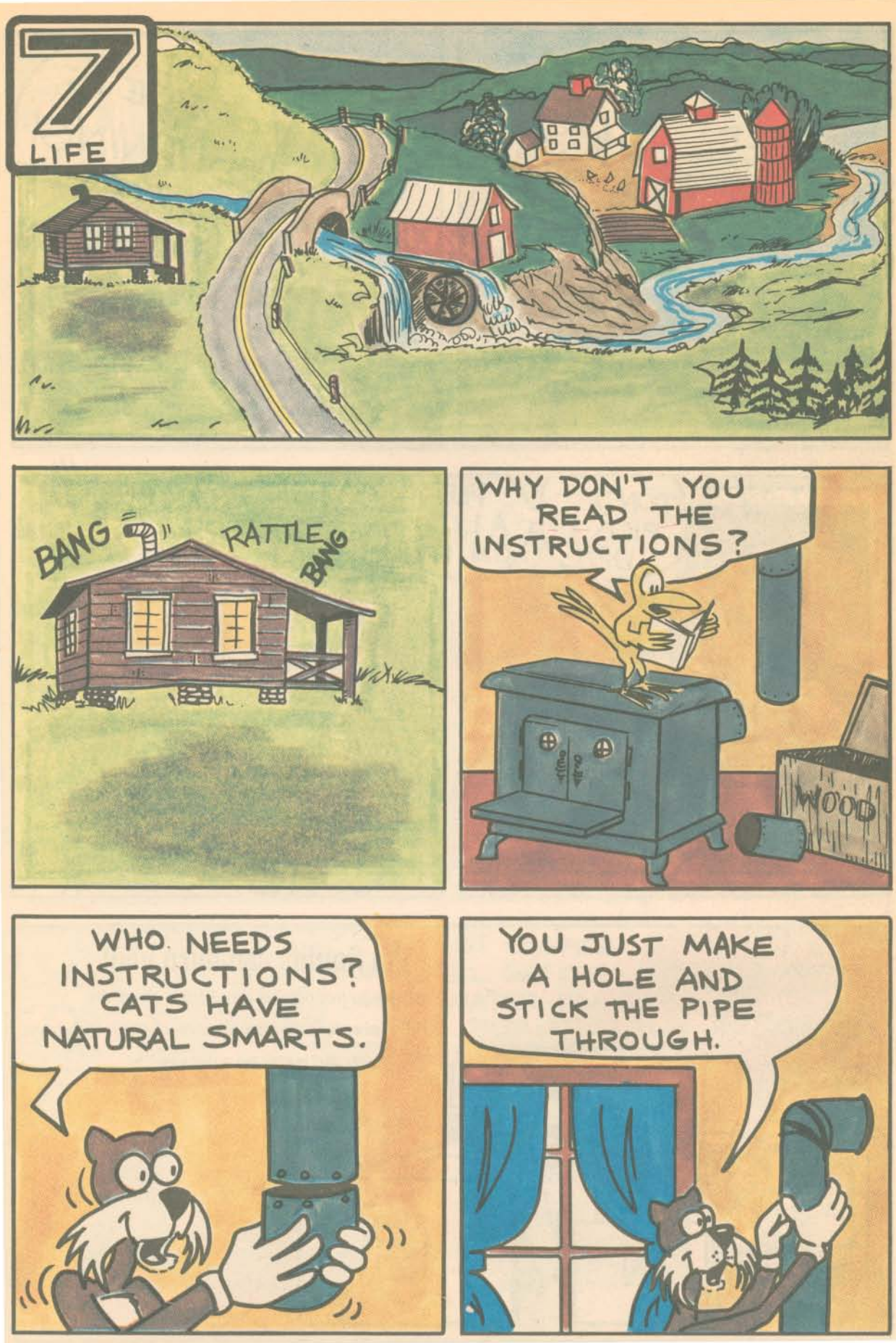
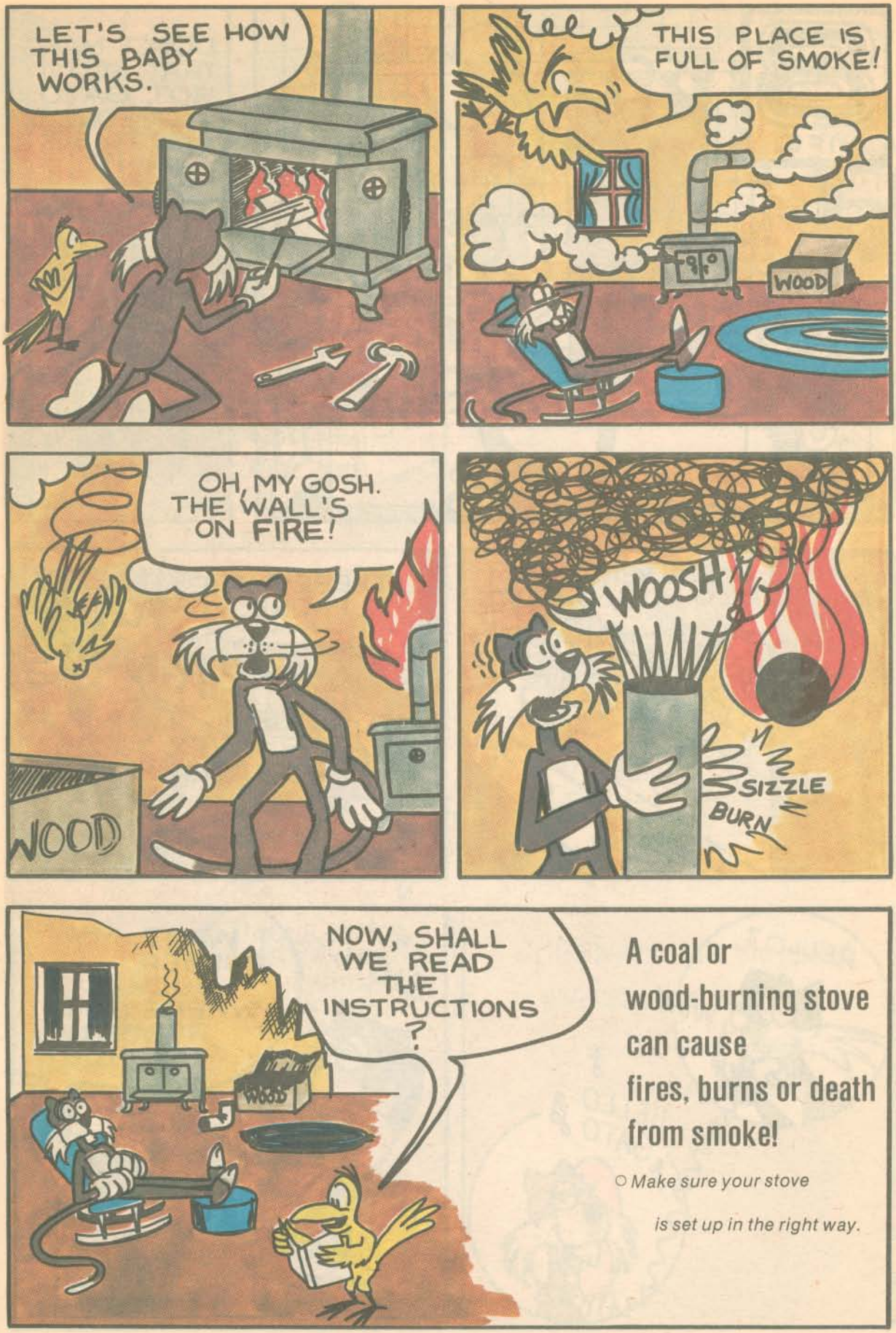
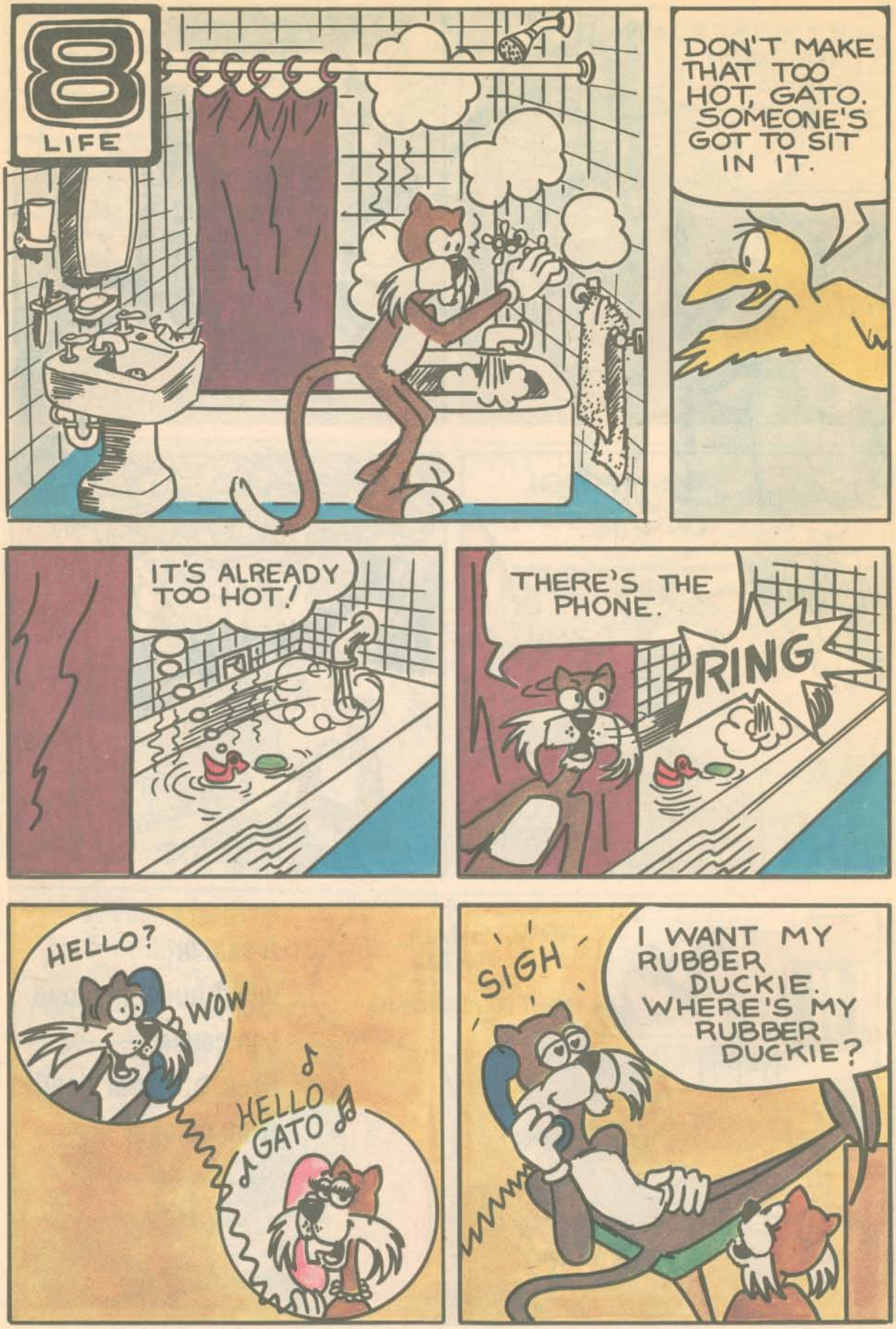


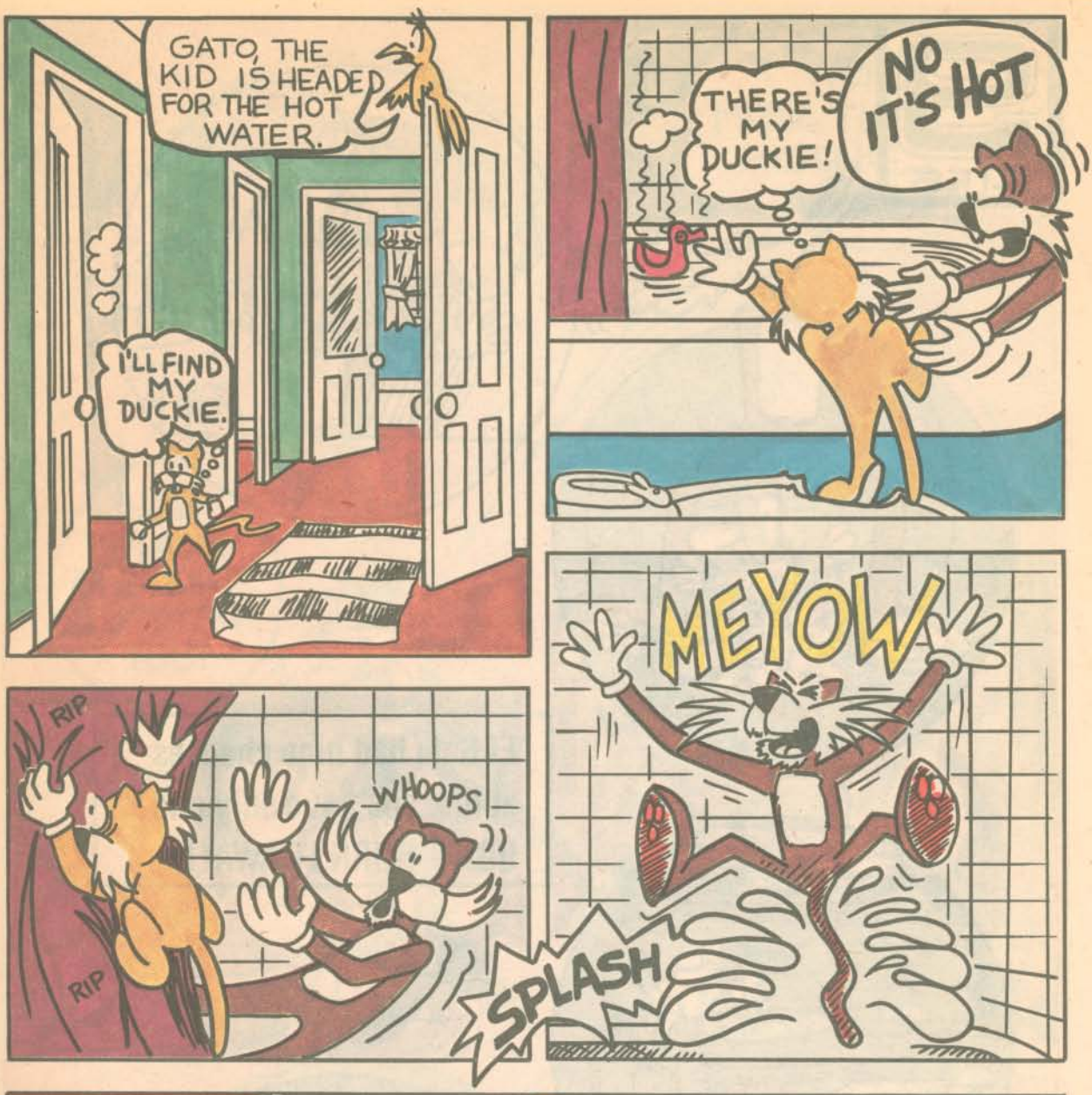
Hot liquids can burn you!

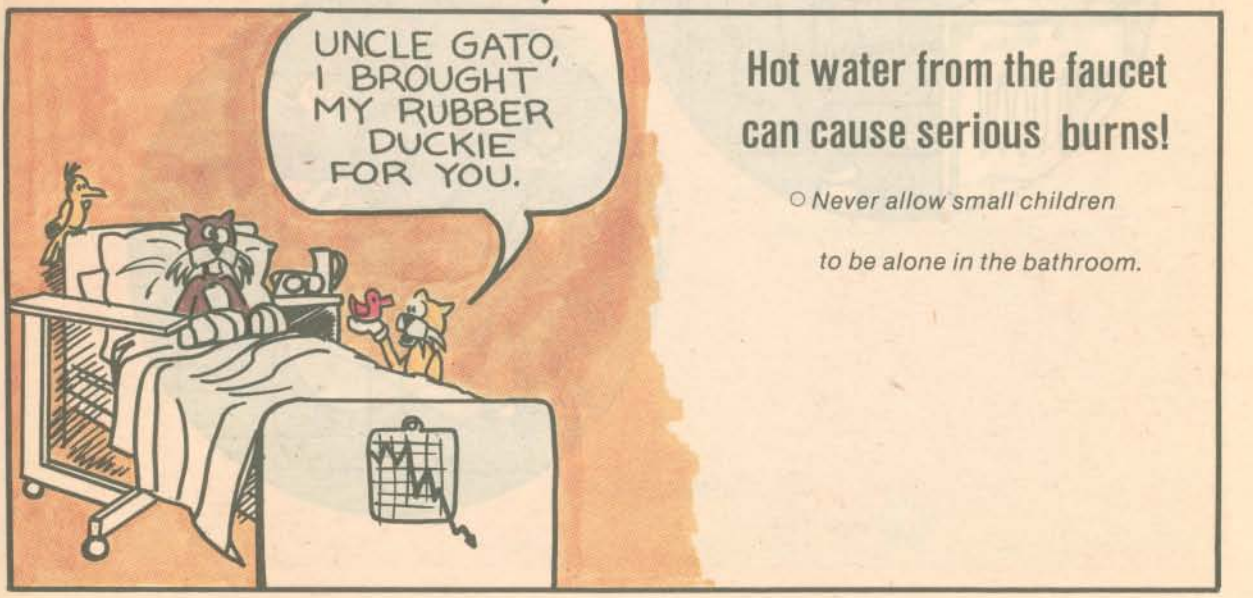
- *Keep hot liquids away from children.*
- *Never let oil or grease overheat on the stove.*
- *Never put water on a grease fire.*


7 LIFE
BANG
RATTLE
BANG
WHY DON'T YOU READ THE INSTRUCTIONS?
WOOD
WHO NEEDS INSTRUCTIONS? CATS HAVE NATURAL SMARTS.
YOU JUST MAKE A HOLE AND STICK THE PIPE THROUGH.


LET'S SEE HOW THIS BABY WORKS.
THIS PLACE IS FULL OF SMOKE!
WOOD
OH, MY GOSH. THE WALL'S ON FIRE!
WOOD
WOOSH
SIZZLE
BURN
NOW, SHALL WE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS?
WOOD
A coal or wood-burning stove can cause fires, burns or death from smoke!
○ Make sure your stove is set up in the right way.


8 LIFE
DON'T MAKE THAT TOO HOT, GATO. SOMEONE'S GOT TO SIT IN IT.
IT'S ALREADY TOO HOT!
THERE'S THE PHONE.
RING
HELLO?
WOW
HELLO GATO
SIGH
I WANT MY RUBBER DUCKIE. WHERE'S MY RUBBER DUCKIE?





Hot water from the faucet can cause serious burns!

○ *Never allow small children to be alone in the bathroom.*

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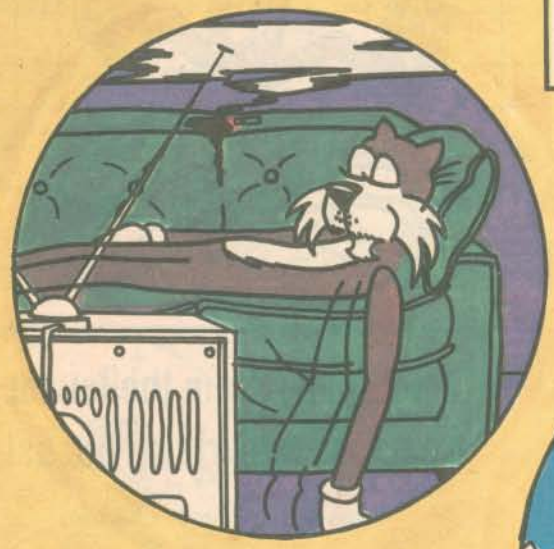
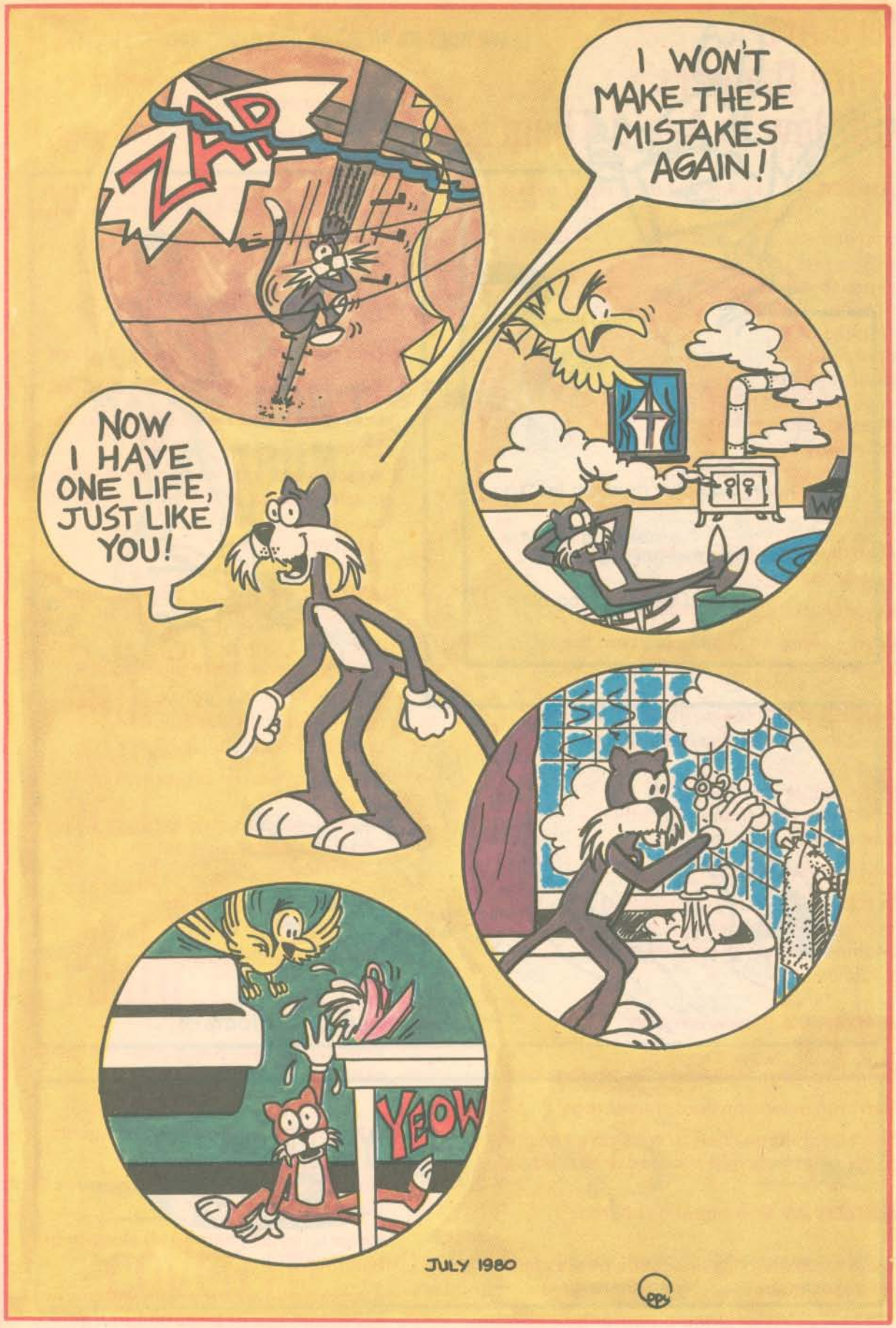
El Gato had nine chances
at life, you have only one . . .
DON'T BURN IT AWAY!




ZAP
I WON'T MAKE THESE MISTAKES AGAIN!
NOW I HAVE ONE LIFE, JUST LIKE YOU!
YEOW
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Here Are 8 Fire Dangers and How to Avoid Them . . .

DANGER #1 Liquids that can catch fire fast!

Some of these are:
gasoline
nail polish remover
kerosene
furniture polish
lighter fluid
rubbing alcohol
campstove or lantern fuel
oil-based paints
paint thinners
rubber and contact cements
charcoal lighter fluid
wood stain

- Keep these liquids away from flames, heat or sparks.
- Never smoke around these liquids.
- Never keep gasoline indoors or in the trunk of a car.

DANGER #2 Smoking in bed or around upholstered furniture.

- More people die in bed and upholstery fires than in any other kind of fire.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Don't smoke around upholstered furniture if you are sleepy, or drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine.

DANGER #3 Extension cords.

- Don't use worn or damaged extension cords.
- Don't run extension cords under rugs.
- Don't let children chew or suck on extension cords . . . they can get shocked or burned.

DANGER #4 Matches and children.

- Never leave matches or lighters where children can reach them.
- Use only safety or strike-on-cover type matches.

DANGER #5 Power lines.

- Stay away from any overhead power lines. Do not climb poles.
- You don't have to touch a power line to get burned.
- Keep things made of metal away from overhead lines . . . especially ladders or C.B. and TV antennas.

DANGER #6 Kitchen burns.

- Don't let children play near a stove.
- Keep hot liquids away from children.
- Don't leave hot oil or grease on the stove.
- Watch what you wear near a stove. Loose sleeves and flowing clothing can catch fire.

DANGER #7 Coal or wood-burning stoves.

- Make sure your stove is set up the right way.

  Let an expert do it or follow instructions carefully.
- If your stove is not set up the right way:
  - leaking smoke could kill you.
  - floors or walls could get too hot and catch fire.
- Hot sparks from your stove can set your clothes on fire.
- Keep these things away from your stove:
  upholstered furniture, drapes, curtains,
  newspapers, wood and other things that can catch fire.

DANGER #8 Hot water from faucets.

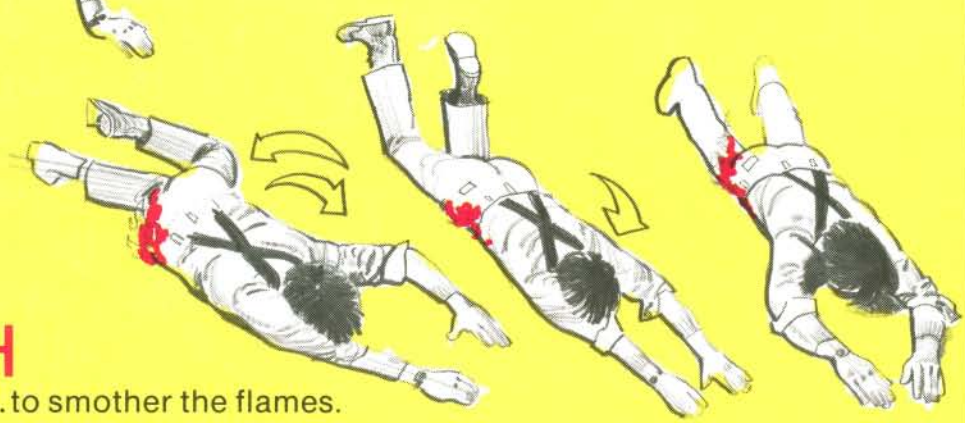
- Hot water from a faucet can give you serious burns!
- Never let small children be alone in the bathroom.
- Always make sure the bath water is not too hot before you or small children get in.

(TEAR OFF THIS COVER AND PUT IT UP ON YOUR WALL)

If your clothing catches fire . . .

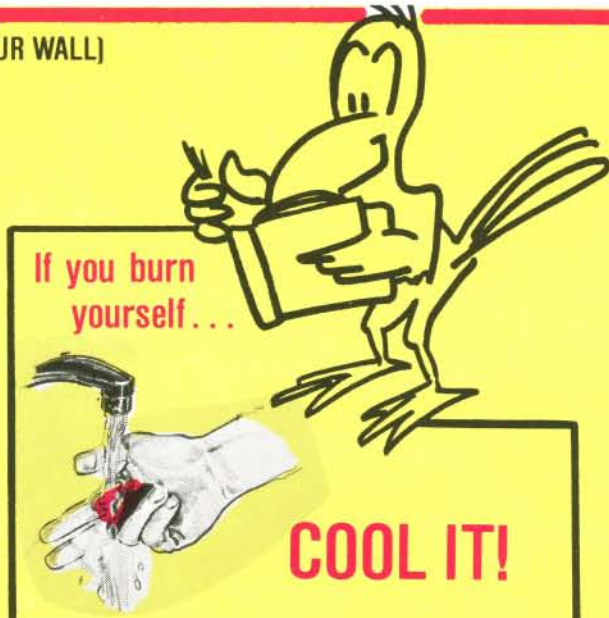
DON'T RUN . . .

DROP AND ROLL BACK AND FORTH



. . . to smother the flames.

If you burn yourself . . .



COOL IT!

- Cool the burn with cold water.
- Never put grease, butter or ointments on a burn.
- Do not clean the burn.
- Call for medical help.

If your pan catches fire . . .

COVER IT!

- Turn off the burner.

- Slide the lid over the pan.

- Never use water on a grease fire.

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